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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005, Applicants timely submit a Response with the following Amendments. Please consider the following.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Claims 5, 8-9, 14 and 17-18 stand rejected under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hashimoto in view of Broer (US 6,359,670) ("Broer"). Applicants respectfully disagree. Broer is cited by the Examiner for the purpose of its general teaching of a reflective polarizer. It does not teach or suggest the missing claim limitations discussed above or provide motivation for suitably modifying the cited references, and therefore these claims are patentable over the cited references for at least the reasons explained above.

In addition, the requisite motivation to combine the references in the way suggested by the Examiner is absent and so is a reasonable expectation of success. The Examiner may not use hindsight in selecting elements from different references in order to arrive at the Applicants' invention. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim rejections.

3. New Claims

New claims 19-23 are directed to a polarizer on a j-retarder, where the j-retarder includes a simultaneously biaxially stretched polymeric film comprising a non-cyclic polyolefin polymer. Applicants assert that the cited references do not at least disclose a j-retarder including a non-cyclic polyolefin polymer. Thus, for at least this reason, Applicants submit that the new claims are patentable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submits that pending claims 1-23 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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X100	
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE (\$)	ADDITIONAL FEE (\$)
X\$50	
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TOTAL ADD'L FEE	

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